

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5-, as follows:

This application is related to co-pending and commonly-assigned U.S. patent application serial number ~~xx/xxx,xxx~~ 09/939,813, filed on ~~same date herewith~~ August 27, 2001, by Rebecca Lau Poole, Howard J. Glaser, and Laurence E. England, entitled "TOPOLOGICAL MULTI-TIER BUSINESS APPLICATION COMPOSER," attorneys' docket number STL9-2000-0084US1 (30571.264US01), which application is incorporated by reference herein.